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**THE WILLIAM ASHBY COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUILDING
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In his 98 years, William "Bill" Ashby has distinguished himself as a leader in the movement for civil rights and equal opportunities for all citizens. Graduating from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1911, Bill Ashby earned a bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology from the Yale School of Religion in 1915. A founding director of the first National Urban League affiliate in New Jersey, (now the Urban League of Newark and Greater Essex County), Bill Ashby saw that organization grow from its infancy to its present position of influence. Throughout his career, he was a dominant influence in creating a better society in Newark and in Essex County. Bill Ashby also served as the first paid Black social worker in the State of New Jersey and is the author of an autobiographical collection of stories entitled, "Tales Without Hate." Bill Ashby's courage and dedication in pursuing the goal of equality have improved the quality of life for all New Jerseyans.